

Walsh Submits Final Report On Iran-Contra Investigation

Independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh submitted his final report on the Iran-contra scandal to a special three-judge court yesterday, concluding a controversial, lengthy investigation that began 6½ years ago.

The judicial panel, an arm of the U.S. Court of Appeals here, will decide how much of the three-volume report to make public. That decision is not expected for at least a month, after individuals criticized in the report have a chance to respond.

Walsh has been highly critical in interim reports of the Reagan and Bush administration officials, especially after President George Bush last year pardoned former secretary

of defense Caspar W. Weinberger and several other Iran-contra figures. The court will decide from whom to seek comments and may then publish them as an annex to the report.

Under the independent counsel law, Walsh is required to set forth "fully and completely" an account of his work, including both the disposition of the cases brought and "the reasons for not prosecuting any matter" within his jurisdiction during the \$35.7 million inquiry.

Walsh said through a spokesman that he intends to remain independent counsel "until all administrative matters are taken care of."